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SUBJ: KOROCCAN PREMIER ON SHARA ISSUE

1. MOROCCAN PREMIER AHMAD OSMAN DEPARTED KUWAIT APRIL 27 FOLLOWING TWO-DAY VISIT DESIGNED TO OBTAIN GREATER KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT OF MOROCCO. IN PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, HE ALLEGEDLY MADE FOLLOWING SOMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS ON SAHARAN SITUATION (AS REPORTED IN DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 27).

2. QUOTE: THE PROBLEM OF THE SAHARA WAS NOW OVER. THE SAHARA IS IN OUR HANDS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE SAHARA ARE ENJOYING FULL RIGHTS UNDER THE MOROCCAN LAW. HE ALSO RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY MEDIATION ON THE SAHARA ISSUE SAYING THE MOROCCAN GOVERMENT EARNESTLY DESIRED THIS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE DISPUTE, BUT AS ALL MEDIATORY EFFORTS FAILED IT HAD RESORTED TO THE DIRECT METHOD AND WAS NOW IN FULL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. NO MEDIATION, NO REFERENDUM IS NOW NEEDED, HE EMPHASIZED.

3. ASKED WHY MOROCCO WAS AVERSE TO HOLDING A REFERENDUM ON
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SAHARA, HE SAID HOLDING A REFERENDUM THERE IS AS ILLEGAL AS IT WOULD

BE IN FRANCE OR ENGLAND BECAUSE SAHARA IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MOROCCO.
HE SAID MOROCCO WAS STILL CONFRONTING SOME SABOTAGE OPERATIONS, BUT
THIS WAS NOT VERY SERIOUS. THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED,
DOES NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THESE ACTIVITIES AS IT IS CERTAIN
THAT THESE ELEMENTS WOULD VERY SOON GIVE UP THEIR ACTIVITIES AND
THERE WOULD BE COMPLETE PEACE IN SAHARA AND ALL PARTS OF MOROCCO.
UNQUOTE.

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